

July 21
Mr L. M. Fox

Dear Sir

I came this morning to see you at the Mint and was told you were out of the city. I assure you I was indeed too glad to hear (for you were far away from the tumult of the city and from the mental strain which your arduous duties compel you to go through day after day. yet I am selfish enough to say I wish I could have seen you in person to have a few minutes conversation with you for there is my

little satisfaction in letter
writing. In few words my
highly esteemed friend Mrs
you plant my nice home
E. M. Lam here of absence
during the month of August
from the Unit. She has
not been well since last
winter. at times my nurse
and was under the Doctor's
care for awhile. Yet still as
she is obliged to support her
self I am sorry to say as
her health is not good. as
I told you last summer at
"Eagles Nest". I have been
under my care. and
want to perform a wish
part. I want her to go
away next month feeling
quite the best she needs
and will make her
stronger to do her duties
evening women. but I am

powerless to get out your
consent which I sincerely
pray you will grant.
My earnest request.
Remember I do not ask for
Florence's pleasure, but only
that she may have a bit
I would be too glad if
she could, as this. But
I see she cannot. Do not
think I want to complain
far from such a thought
I here. My own means are
limited and all I have
too willing to give those
who are bereft of a Mother's
love. Knowing to my own
dread what a great loss
what that love was. Give
you please let me hear
from you by the return of
mail as I am obliged to
leave the City soon.
With kind remembrance I
am, my sincerely
Maria L B Ashburner

Phila. Pa.

July 21. 1888.

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Asks for extended leave
of absence for Miss
Florence McLean.

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July 23. 1888.

[Abstract:] Asks for extended leave of absence for Miss Florence McLean.

4104 Locust Street

Mr. D.M. Fox

Dear Sir

I came this morning to see you at the Mint and was told you were out of the city. I assure you I was indeed too glad to learn (for your own sake) you were far away from the tumult of the city and from the mental strain which your arduous duties compel you to go through day after day. Yet I am selfish enough to say I wish I could have seen you in person to have a few minutes conversation about with you for there is very little satisfaction in letter writing. In few words my highly esteemed friend will you grant my niece Florence E. McLean leave of absence during the month of August from the Mint. She has not been well since last winter. At times very nervous and was under the Doctor's care for a while. Yet without she is oblige to support herself I am sorry to say as her health is not good. As I told you last summer at "Eagle's Mint" I have her under my care, and want to perform a mother's part. I want her to go away next month feeling sure the lest she rest she needs and will make her stronger to do her duties coining would, but I am powerless with out your consent which I sincerely pray you will grant my earnest request. Remember I do not ask for Florence's pleasure, but only that she may have a rest. I would be too glad if she could do as desires – but I see she cannot. Do not think I wish to complain far from such a thought I have. My own means are limited and and as I have too lovng to give those who are bereft of a mother's love. Knowing to my own sorrow what a great loss, what that love was. Will you please let me hear from you by the return of mail as I am obliged to leave the city soon.

With Kind Remembrance I am very Sincerely
Maria L.B. Ashburner